India's bid for 2011 Cricket World Cup

553. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is one of the Asian countries to bid for 2011 Cricket World Cup;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would be an individual or joint bid; and

(d) the cricket grounds proposed to be upgraded and renovated for the series?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) As per information received from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), four Asian Countries — Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are jointly bidding for the 2011 Cricket World Cup.

(b) The Joint Committee is yet to. be formed and the four Cricket Boards have conveyed their willingness to ICC to host the World Cup jointly.

(c) It is a joint bid.

(d) The venues and the upgradation work required, will be decided after the ICC allots the World Cup to the Asian joint bidders.

Construction of sports complex in Punjab

554 SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for construction of sports complex in the State of Punjab during the current and next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In February, 2005 State Government were informed that the Government of India have decided to transfer the Sports Infrastructure